

# Honey

Arizona's 2000 honey production was estimated at 2.4 million pounds, down 27 percent from 1999. Average yield from the 40,000 honey producing colonies was 59 pounds. This was down 3 pounds from last year.

Prices for the 2000 honey crop averaged 73 cents per pound, up 11 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$1.7 million, a decrease of 14 percent from 1999.

Estimates of honey production and colonies represent operations where honey is taken from colonies for sale or human consumption. Honey produced by beekeepers with fewer than five colonies is not included. Packaged bees and bees for pollination are included only if some honey was removed for human consumption.

## Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, and Value 1/

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Honey producing colonies (1,000)	53	52	32	42	55	52	40
Yield per colony (Lbs)	59	79	60	80	60	62	59
Production (1,000 Lbs)	3,127	4,108	1,920	3,360	3,300	3,224	2,360
Average price per pound (Cents)	51	65	85	72	64	62	73
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	1,595	2,670	1,632	2,419	2,112	1,999	1,723

1/ December 1 previous year through November 30.

## Arizona Honey Production & Price 1994-2000

